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Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor Carol Reynolds. Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

(C) Embassy Political Officer delivered reftel A demarche to MOFA Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division Principal Deputy Director Yoriko Suzuki August 10. Suzuki said that Japan would definitely support U.S. candidate Dr. Ruth Wedgwood for reelection to the UN Human Rights Committee on September 7 if the United States supports the Japanese candidate, Dr. Yuji Iwasawa. Suzuki understood during earlier conversations with Embassy Tokyo Political Officers (reftel B) that the United States cannot agree to reciprocal support, but she emphasized that Japan is expecting that the United States will indeed support Dr. Iwasawa.
SCHIEFFER